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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of printing postal indicia on a custom sized envelope comprising, and not necessarily in the following order:

assigning at least one custom sized envelope name to a custom sized envelope in client software that permits a plurality of custom sized envelopes to be created and stored;

determining a size of said custom sized envelope;

selecting a height of said custom sized envelope;

selecting a width of said custom sized envelope;

allowing a user to at least one of modify, add and delete a custom sized envelope name in the client software;

accessing printer information stored in a server-based database;

having the client software complete pre-rendering algorithms based on the envelope size selected by determining whether to virtualize;

rendering a postal indicia in accordance with the selected width and height of said custom sized envelope, the postage indicia comprising machine readable data representing postage value; and

printing the postal indicia on said custom sized envelope using the printer information from the server-based database to

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determine when it is necessary to virtualize and if so, what size paper to virtualize to.

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein determining the size of ~~said~~ the envelope comprises ~~determining the size of said envelope by~~ placing the envelope on a user generated template.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein printing postal indicia on the custom sized envelope further comprises printing a FIM on the custom sized envelope.

6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 5 wherein printing said FIM on the custom sized envelope further comprises printing said FIM within a predefined distance of an edge of said custom sized envelope.

7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6 further comprising verifying correct placement of the FIM on the custom sized envelope.

8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3 further comprising storing the selected width and height and custom name of the custom sized envelope on a printer database server.

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9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein rendering a postal indicia in accordance with the selected width and height of the custom sized envelope comprises setting up a drawing surface and shifting an origin of a virtualized sheet to position an image of the envelope in a printable area of the virtualized sheet.